# *Looking for a placement that offers you observational access to alcohol and other drug (AOD) services, trains you in accredited industry skills, and absorbs you in a supportive, evidence-based learning culture?*

# TURNING POINT HAS THE INTERNSHIP FOR YOU

**Cohort VI commences 9 August 2021 – 19 November 2021**

**Interviews from 12 July 2021**

Funded by the Department of Health (DH), Turning Point is excited to offer eligible students an educational internship over a 14-week period. The combination of skills training and real-world clinical observation will provide students with the foundational skills and knowledge required for considering a career in the AOD sector.

**To ensure the safety of our interns, clients and staff during COVID-19, the internship will be delivered via a blend of interactive online and face to face sessions.**

# WORKING IN THE AOD SECTOR

The AOD sector provides exciting, diverse and stimulating career opportunities for clinicians, researchers, educators and other professionals. Turning Point, in consultation with other metropolitan Melbourne AOD service providers, recognised the continued need to attract highly skilled and educated people into the workforce. Employees work in clinical and other settings with a relevant degree and sector qualifications and this can be a rewarding career choice for people wanting to make a positive difference in others’ lives.

The Turning Point educational internship is open to tertiary-educated students in psychology, counselling and youth work streams. Students are invited to learn about the AOD sector, gain an awareness of employment pathways, and up-skill in industry-required competencies.

# ABOUT TURNING POINT

Turning Point is a national addiction treatment centre dedicated to providing high quality, evidence-based interventions to people adversely affected by alcohol, drugs and gambling. Integrated with world-leading research and education, Turning Point was established in 1994 to provide leadership to the AOD sector and amalgamated with public health provider Eastern Health in 2009.

Eastern Health, trading as Turning Point, is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO ID 6948) and is responsible for quality training and assessment in compliance with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015, and for the issuance of the AQF certification documentation related to Vocational Education and Training (VET) units of competency.

# INTERNSHIP ACTIVITIES

During the Educational Internship Cohort VI, students will take part in training days and clinical observation via remote access and onsite. Students are therefore required to have access to a stable Wi-Fi connection, and a computer with a webcam and microphone.

The educational internship commences with a pre-reading week on Monday 9 August 2021. Students will officially meet with each other and Turning Point staff at **Welcome & Orientation** on **11 August 2021** to begin the internship experience together.

# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET) CONTENT

Students will participate in two units of competency as part of the internship: *CHCOAOD001 - Work in an alcohol and other drug context* and *CHCAOD004 - Assess needs of clients with alcohol and other drug issues*. These units sit within the *CHCSS00093 Alcohol and Other Drug Skill Set*. Students can expect to undertake a range of learning and assessment methods that include online activities and presentations, assessment workbooks, peer role-plays, personal and professional reflective exercises, and self-paced learning.

Assessment and skills practice hours are set by Turning Point and students must be available to attend all scheduled days of training and assessment delivery plus the Welcome & Orientation and Final Reflection sessions. There is no cost to the student for VET content. Students must be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident to access the VET units.

# CLINICAL OBSERVATION & SKILL TRAINING CONTENT

Students will participate in online observational placement and industry workshops. These will include BreakThrough (delivered in partnership with Self Help Addiction Resource Centre (SHARC) and SMART Recovery sessions. Supervised access to Turning Point’s clinical review and intake meetings and pre-recorded client sessions (with client information de-identified and consent established) will be available to support your learning. You will also have the opportunity to gain sector and work-related knowledge in skills training seminars hosted by services that may include Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association, Uniting ReGen, Odyssey House, SHARC, and the Women’s Alcohol and Drug Service.

Students may also be involved in individual or group projects related to work in the AOD sector, critically reviewing webinars, and participation in supervision and group-building activities.

The internship requires an approximate 15-hour per week time commitment and we ask you to be flexible in your attendance days as you will be required to attend variable hours online from Monday-Saturday. Your timetable will be issued by the Welcome & Orientation session and will take into consideration your availability and preferences where possible.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

An Expression of Interest (EOI) form is available from your University Placement Coordinator.

Students should complete the EOI and attach a current CV and National Police Check (Volunteer). The EOI paperwork should then be given to your University Placement Coordinator for endorsement. The EOI paperwork will then be forwarded to Turning Point’s Educational Internship Coordinator to determine suitability for interview. Students must therefore ensure they give their University Placement Coordinator sufficient time to review and endorse their application in order to adhere to EOI deadline.

Students will be requested to attend an interview with Turning Point staff. If successful, you will be provided
with a start date, Eastern Health and VET enrolment paperwork and other relevant details about the internship.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) OPEN 01/07/2021 – 09/07/2021
APPLY TODAY**

**Excited to know more?**
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